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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health to the Port Health Authority (Penzance Division)
for the year ending 31st Dec.1954.

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Gentlemen:

My Annual Report for the year 1954 is as follows:-

Section 1. (Staff)

No change.

Section 11.Amount of Shipping entering the Port during the year 1954.

The amount of Shipping entering the Port within your Jurisdiction during the year 1954 was as follows:-
British Steamers and Motor Vessels:-763,British Fising Craft:-247,Of these 58 were inspected by the Medical Officer of Health or Deputy Medical Officer of Health,and 104 by the Sanitary Inspector.
Foreign Steamers or Motor Vessels:-49,Foreign Fishing Craft:-137,of these 53 were inspected by the Medical Officer of Health or Deputy Medical Officer of Health,and 14 by the Sanitary Inspector.All shipping inspected was found to be in a satisfactory sanitary condition,and no orders had to be made.

TABLE "B"

Number Inspected

		Number	Tonnage	By M.O.H.or Deputy M.O.H.	By the Sanitary Inspector	No.of vessels reported as having or having had during the voyage Infectious Disease on Board.
Foreign	Steamers and Motor Vessels	49	9510	16	7	Nil
	Fishing	137	3088	37	7	1
	Total Foreign	186	12598	53	14	1
Coastwise	Steamers and Motor Vessels	763	154770	33	45	Nil
	Fishing	247	2702	25	59	Nil
	Total Coastwise	1010	157472	58	104	Nil
	Total Foreign and Coastwise	1196	170070	111	118	1

Section 111 Character of shipping and Trade during the year.

Passenger Traffic. This is wholly composed of Passenger Traffic between P enzance and the Isles of Scilly. The majority comprises day and return trippers.

Table "C" Passenger Traffic during the year 1954.

Number of Passengers Inwards:- 16406
Number of Passengers Outwards:- 16270

Cargo Traffic (a) Imports. General Goods.Coal and cement from Home Ports by Coastwise Shipping and Vegetables and Flowers from the Isles of Scilly.

(b) Exports. Stone to Home and Foreign Ports, Shell-fish to France,Pilchards to Italy and Bunker-coal to Vessels in the PO rt.There is an active fishing industry at Newlyn.

Section 1V. (Inland Barge Traffic) Nil.

Section V. (Water Supply) No change.

Section Vl. (Public Health Ships Regulations 1952)

Regulation 14. Medical advice was given to 41 ships at sea via Lands End Radio Station during 1954. Of these 13 were instructed to put into Mounts Bay to land cases of sickness or accident for admission to hospital in Penzance.
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Section IV. (Inland Cargo Traffic) Nil.

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Section VII.(Smallpox) No change.

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Section IX. Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on Ships.(Table D)

Category	Disease	Number of cases during year Passengers	Crew	No.of ships concerned.
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Nil	1	1
Cases on ships from foreign ports but disposed of before arrival.	--------	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships	~~"~~------	Nil	Nil	Nil

Section X. Observations on the occurance of Malaria in Ships. Nil

Section XI.Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected of Plague. Nil

Section XII. Measures against Rodents in Ships from Foreign Ports.

A Rat catcher is employed about the Wharf and sheds at the Dock and is available to ships on request but otherwise there are no deratting facilities available in the Port.

Tables "E" and "F" Nil returns.

Section XIII. Inspection of ships for nuisances.

229 Inspections of Ships were made during 1954. No Orders or Informal Notices had to be made.

Sections XIV. XV. and XVI. No change.

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